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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:

SHINTIZKY et al.

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Appl. No. 09/647,457

Group Art Unit: 1649

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Examiner: S. Turner

For: **ASSAY FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF SCHIZOPHRENIA BASED ON A NEW PEPTIDE**

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's Final Office Action dated September 12, 2005 wherein claims 15-19 of the above-captioned application were finally rejected; claims 20-26, 28, 30, and 31; remained withdrawn; and claims 27 and 29 were indicated allowable.

With this Notice, Applicants file a Petition for a third-month extension of time and a check in the amount of \$535.00 for: 1) Notice of Appeal fee (small-entity) of \$250.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) and 2) third-month extension of time fee of \$285.00 (a two-month extension fee having been paid on February 12, 2005) under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3).

In addition, submitted herewith is a copy of a Response filed by facsimile on February 27, 2006 in the above-captioned application. The Response serves to correct the text of allowed claim 27 and to cancel the non-allowed claims. It is submitted that claims 27 and 29 are in condition for allowance, and early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

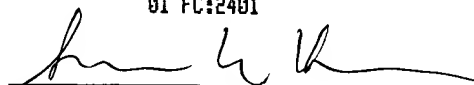
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

Respectfully submitted,
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